

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 USC §121:

- I. Claims 1-11, 19, and 20, drawn to a bathing apparatus classified in class 4, subclass 572.1; and
- II. Claims 12-18, drawn to a method of manufacturing a bathing apparatus classified in class 4, subclass 661.

Applicant hereby elects prosecution of Invention I (claims 1-11, 19, and 20).

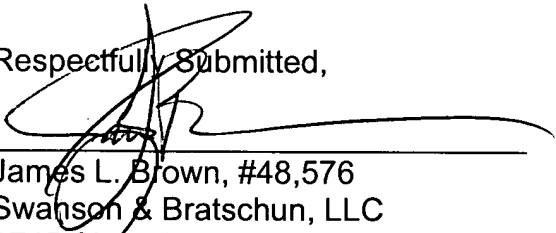
The Examiner further required election of one of the following species under 35 USC §121:

- Species I. FIG. 1;
Species II. FIG. 3;
Species III. FIG. 4; and
Species IV. FIG. 5.

Applicant hereby elects Species I (FIG. 1) for prosecution on the merits. The claims that read upon Species I currently include claims 1-5, 9-11, and 19-20. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statements that currently at least claims 1 and 19 are considered to be generic. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's identification of generic claims presently pending in the application.

No fee is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 19-5117.

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